



EDUCATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Higher education creates pathways to economic growth and builds peaceful, democratic societies capable of solving today's development challenges. To strengthen the deep ties between the United States and Indonesia, the U.S. Government through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) provides a range of educational opportunities to promising Indonesian students. USAID's higher education programs are brightening Indonesia's future by unlocking the potential of its future leaders.

Increasing a country's average level of higher education by one year, for instance, can add up to half a percentage point of growth to its GDP; investing in higher education means investing in stronger economic partners. Under the U.S.-Indonesia Strategic Partnership, higher education remains a top priority of mutual interest. USAID scholarships provide Indonesians with access to the world-class graduate education they need to advance a more self-reliant, democratic and prosperous Indonesia.

PROGRAM TO EXTEND SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE IMPACTS (PRESTASI)

USAID PRESTASI, a \$51 million program, helps Indonesian individuals, organizations and institutions acquire the knowledge, skills and capacity to support the country's development journey. It provides scholarship and training opportunities to Indonesians with high academic performance, professional experience and a dedication to improving the lives of their fellow citizens. All scholars funded by USAID return to their prior workplaces upon completion of their studies and use their new knowledge and

skills to develop the capacity of their home institutions. As tomorrow's leaders, these scholars are among the best investments in Indonesia's future.

To promote inclusive development, USAID PRESTASI extends special consideration to promising Indonesians from disadvantaged and underrepresented geographical areas. The program also strongly encourages women to apply. Scholarship recipients for degree programs study in Indonesia or in the United States. In addition to degree programs, USAID PRESTASI also supports short-term training opportunities in the United States, Indonesia and third countries in the region, including Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, and India. Training sessions last between two and six weeks.

RESULTS

- Since 1950, USAID and its predecessor agencies have provided scholarships for more than 4,000 Indonesians to U.S. universities and non-degree training to tens of thousands of Indonesians;
- Under USAID PRESTASI, 248 Indonesian men and women have graduated with Doctoral or Master's Degrees in Economics; Environment; Democratic and Human Rights; Health and Education since 2007. Additionally, 1,280 Indonesians have participated in short-term training programs with USAID PRESTASI support; and
- Over 40 percent of all degree and training program participants come from islands other than Java, and nearly half are women.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates must show leadership ability, excellence in a technical field, academic interests relevant to USAID/Indonesia and Government of Indonesia development goals as well as academic and other necessary qualifications for the desired training. Candidates must be available for a minimum of 10 years of employment prior to retirement upon completion of study.

Candidates must be Indonesian citizens with English ability as evidenced by a TOEFL ITP score of at least 450 or a TOEFL iBT/IELTS equivalent. Employees of USAID or USAID contractors will not be considered.

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